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**MINISTR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**IMPORT TRADE CONTROL**

*New Delhi, the 3rd December, 1954*

**SUBJECT:—*Dock-Strike in the United Kingdom—Extension of licences.***

**No. 102-I.T.C.(P.N.)/54.**—The attention of importers is drawn to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Public Notice No. 97-I.T.C.(P.N.)/54, dated the 3rd November 1954, as amended by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Public Notice No. 101-I.T.C.(P.N.)/54, dated the 19th November, 1954. It was provided therein that all licences which expired (including or excluding the period of grace) during the currency of the Dock-Yard Strike in the United Kingdom would be automatically valid to cover shipments made upto 15th December, 1954.

2. It has now been represented that the above concession would not cover: (a) delay in securing shipment of some consignments beyond 15th December 1954 due to berthing and other problems; (b) expiry of the validity of Letters of Credit; (c) inability of some importers to ship by 30th September 1954 goods on Open General Licence up to that date, due to abnormal conditions prevailing at the docks in the days immediately preceding the outbreak of the strike on 4th October 1954.

3. It has accordingly been decided:

- (i) that the concessions announced in Public Notice No. 97-I.T.C.(P.N.)/54, dated the 3rd November, 1954, as amended by Public Notice No. 101-I.T.C.(P.N.)/54, dated the

19th November, 1954, should be extended to shipments effected on or before the 15th January, 1955, subject to there being irrevocable commitments, and that in the ordinary course of events, the goods would have been shipped before expiry of the validity period of the licence;

- (ii) that there is no objection to the renewal or extension of Letters of Credit in respect of commitments made prior to 4th October 1954. No fresh Letters of Credit will however be allowed to be opened; and
- (iii) that cases coming under para. 2(c) above will be considered on merits and licences granted on an *ad hoc* basis. In such cases shipment of goods in anticipation or in the hope of the grant of a relaxation should not be made.

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Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.